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SACRAMENTO MAN CONVICTED OF FIREARMS VIOLATION

United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that VAUGHN JAVEL JOHNSON, age 38, of Sacramento, California, pled guilty today before United States District Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. to being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition that have been transported in interstate commerce, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). According to the plea agreement, JOHNSON possessed three firearms and eight different types of ammunition, all of which originated outside of California. JOHNSON also admitted that he had been previously convicted of transportation or sale of a controlled substance on or about April 26, 1990, and a felon in possession of a firearm on or about December 11, 1992.

This case was the product of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Sacramento Violent Crimes Task Force, consisting of FBI special agents and Sacramento County Sheriff's Department detectives, with the assistance of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Samuel Wong, who prosecuted the case, based on his conviction, JOHNSON is subject to a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment, and a \$250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and a \$100 special penalty assessment. However, the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed in the discretion of the court.

Judge England set January 9, 2007 as the date for JOHNSON's sentencing.

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